

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7314

Joint Petition of Vermont Transco, LLC, Vermont)
Electric Power Company, Inc. ("VELCO"), City of)
Burlington Electric Department ("BED") and Green)
Mountain Power Corporation for a certificate of public)
good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing the)
construction of the so-called East Avenue Loop Project)
in Williston, South Burlington, Colchester, Winooski)
and Burlington, Vermont, which consists of: (1) the)
replacement of 4.8 miles of an existing single 115 kV)
line between VELCO's Essex Substation and its East)
Avenue Substation with two new 115 kV lines within)
the same corridor; (2) expansion of the East Avenue)
Substation; (3) installation of a new 1.5-mile 34.5 kV)
line from the East Avenue Substation to BED's McNeil)
Substation; (4) construction of a new substation at the)
McNeil Generating Station; (5) installation of new and)
relocated equipment from BED's Lake Street Substation)
to the McNeil Substation; and (6) removal of several)
circuits connected to BED's Lake Street Substation)

Entered: 5/29/2008

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD ISSUED
PURSUANT TO 30 V.S.A § 248

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont ("Board") this day found and adjudged that the construction of the proposed East Avenue Loop Project will promote the general good of the State of Vermont, and a Certificate of Public Good is hereby issued to Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc., and Vermont Transco, LLC, (collectively "VELCO") and Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") and the City of Burlington Electric Department ("BED") (collectively with VELCO, the "Petitioners"), subject to the following conditions:

1. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed Project shall be in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, and the findings and requirements set forth in the Order.

2. Prior to proceeding with construction, Petitioners shall file, for the Board's approval, final construction plans for the Project, which Project plans shall conform substantially to the Project plans approved by the Order. Petitioners shall note any changes in the final plans from the plans approved by the Order and any affected party shall have two weeks to comment on any such changes from the date the plans are filed.

3. Prior to proceeding with construction, Petitioners shall obtain all necessary permits and approvals. Construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed Project shall be in accordance with such permits and approvals.

4. Petitioners shall conduct post-construction noise measurements at the East Avenue substation within 60 days of completion of the substation, and file the results with the Board and the parties. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to decide any issues associated with post-construction noise at the East Avenue substation.

5. The agreements referenced below are approved in their entirety, and are hereby incorporated into this Certificate:

(a) Memorandum of Understanding¹ dated October 16, 2007, among VELCO, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development Division for Historic Preservation ("DHP") and State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO" and, collectively with DHP, "ACCD");

(b) Memorandum of Understanding dated November 19, 2007, among Petitioners and the Vermont Department of Public Service; and

(c) Memorandum of Understanding dated February 25, 2008, among Petitioners, Winooski Valley Park District, and the City of South Burlington.

6. Petitioners shall follow the mitigation measures as described in the Historic Sites Report discussed in the Order.

7. Petitioners shall follow the procedures and agreements set forth in the letter from Petitioners marked as Exh. ANR-REB-RP 1.

1. That MOU has a termination clause, and VELCO must provide advance notice to the Board of the MOU's termination. In the event of termination the Board will convene a further proceeding to consider conditions to prevent undue adverse effect on archaeological historic sites.

8. Petitioners shall follow the procedures described in the Order:

If required, a stream alteration permit application will be applied for and a stream alteration permit will be issued prior to fording the Winooski River.

The conditions contained in the stream alteration permit will be followed for fording the Winooski River; all other crossings shall be as described in Finding 241.

If a stream alteration permit for the access to the Gorge Island is required and issued, VELCO must notify the Agency of Natural Resources stream alteration engineer by telephone before undertaking any change to the access. Any substantial changes for access to the Gorge Island, if a stream alteration permit is required, must be presented in writing to the ANR stream alteration engineer for prior written approval.

Petitioners will be required to observe the ANR-approved erosion prevention and sediment control plans for the proposed Project in order to ensure that the banks of any watercourses return to a condition as close to their natural condition as possible.

9. Petitioners shall abide by the requirements of the City of Burlington noise ordinance during their construction activities.

10. The Board retains jurisdiction to review aesthetic mitigation measures post-construction and to require additional mitigation measures as the Board determines to be appropriate.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 29th day of May, 2008.

s/James Volz)

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PUBLIC SERVICE

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s/David C. Coen)

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BOARD

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s/John D. Burke)

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: May 29, 2008

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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